



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 9/1/2022 **VisitType:** Incident Investigation & Follow Up **Arrival:** 3:00 PM **Departure:** 4:00 PM

CCLC-1444

Cherokee Academy At Clayton

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

Compliance Zone Designation			Compliance Zone Designation - A summary measure of a program's 12 month monitoring history, as it pertains to child care health and safety rules. The three compliance zones are good standing, support, and deficient. Good Standing - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules. Support - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules. Deficient - Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.
09/01/2022	Incident Investigation & Follow Up	Good Standing	
03/10/2022	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
03/07/2022	Complaint Investigation & Licensing Study	Good Standing	

Ratios/License Capacity

Building	Room	Age Group	Staff	Children	NC/C	Max 35 SF.	35 SF. Comp.	Max 25 SF.	25 SF. Comp.	Notes
Main	A- left side 1st left	GA PreK	1	14	C	20	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	B- Left side 2nd right	One Year Olds	1	6	C	13	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	C- Left side 1st right	Infants	1	4	C	13	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	D- ASP room		0	0	C	16	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	E- Right side - 2nd right Left side of room	Two Year Olds	1	7	C	12	C	NA	NA	Snack
Main	F- Second side 2nd right- Right side of room	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	14	C	23	C	NA	NA	Snack
Main	G- Right side 1st right	Six Year Olds and Over	1	16	C	26	C	NA	NA	Outside
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 123					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 61			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 123			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A- Left Side	20	C
Main	Playground B- Rear	94	C
Main	Playground C- Right Side	58	C

Comments

The investigation remains open on this date, pending additional information. Upon completion the finding will be reviewed with the provider and a final copy of the report will be sent.

The purpose of this visit was to follow up to the previous visit conducted on March 7, 2023.

Plan of Improvement: No Plan Developed

Any rule violation which subjects a child to injury or life-threatening situation or any rule violations previously cited but not corrected, may result in the imposition of an adverse enforcement action. Serious or continued noncompliance may also jeopardize participation in one or more DECAL program(s).



Please refer to the website, <http://www.dec.al.ga.gov/CCS/RulesAndRegulations.aspx>, for information regarding October 1, 2018 rule changes about Criminal Records Checks that may affect your facility. In summary,

- New records checks will be required to be completed if a staff member experiences a six month break in service from the child care industry
- New clearance is required at least once every five years
- Any staff member solely responsible for supervising children will be required to have completed a comprehensive background clearance
- All staff members are required to have completed at least a national fingerprint based clearance check
- Any staff member with only the national fingerprint based clearance, must be under constant and direct supervision of a staff member with a satisfactory comprehensive records check clearance
- Facilities are required to use DECAL KOALA for Criminal Records Checks, including to verify portability of an employee

O.C.G.A. Section 42.1.12(i)(2) requires Bright from the Start: Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning to notify licensed child care programs on accessing and retrieving from the Georgia Bureau of Investigation's (GBI) website a list of the names and addresses of all registered sexual offenders. Please see GBI's website located at <http://gbi.georgia.gov> to access the Georgia Sex Offender Registry.

Refutation Process:

You have the right to refute any of the citations noted in this report with which you disagree. To refute a citation(s), do the following:

- 1) Log into DECAL KOALA www.decalkoala.com with the userid for your program
- 2) On the home page scroll down to the Inspection Reports and select 'Refute Citation' for the visit report in dispute
- 3) Select the specific rule number(s) that you are refuting, add the reason for disagreement regarding the rule citation, and upload supporting documentation
- 4) Submit the refutation in DECAL KOALA to Child Care Services (CCS) within 10 business days of the completion date.

Your refutation will be forwarded to the appropriate CCS manager, who will follow up with you about your concerns. If you have any questions about this process, contact our office at 404-657-5562.

Bright from the Start recommends that all licensed child care providers carry liability insurance coverage sufficient to protect its clients. If you do not have this liability insurance, you are required to post a notice with ½ inch letters in a conspicuous location in the program, notify the parent or guardian of each child in care in writing, obtain their signature to acknowledge receipt and maintain this written acknowledgment on file at the program at all times while the child attends the program and for 12 months after the child's last date of attendance. (O.C.G.A. Section 20-1A-4)



Important Quality Rated/CAPS Update:

As January 1, 2022, child care providers must be Quality Rated to receive Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS). Newly licensed, or new to CAPS providers may be eligible for the new CAPS/QR Provisional Status, allowing for scholarships while working toward a star rating.

Contact the Quality Rated help desk at 855-800-7747 or qualityrated@dec.al.ga.gov for more information. Free technical assistance is available!

Charanjeev Singh, Program Official

Date

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(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a Incident Investigation & Follow Up:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.03 Activities

Met

Correction Deadline: 3/7/2022

Corrected on 9/1/2022

.03(2) - Current lesson plans were posted in each classroom.

Facility

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)

Met

Correction Deadline: 3/17/2022

Corrected on 9/1/2022

.26(6) - The rule was corrected. The sharp metal edges were covered and the PVC border was fixed.

Staff Records

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR

Met

Correction Deadline: 4/6/2022

Corrected on 9/1/2022

.14(2) - This rule was corrected. The two staff persons obtained first aid and CPR.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training

Met

Correction Deadline: 4/6/2022

Corrected on 9/1/2022

.33(4) - This rule was corrected. The staff person obtained the food service training.

Defer

591-1-1-.31(2)(b)3.(i)- Education requirements will be reviewed at the next licensing visit.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that all teachers will comply with the educational and qualifying child care experience requirements. Newly hired staff will be given a education plan with deadline to obtain education credential.

Correction Deadline: 3/7/2022